



## *Position Description*

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<b>Department:</b>	Animal Operations
<b>Title:</b>	Animal Foster Care
<b>Goal:</b>	Provide temporary care to promote the adoptability of animals very young, sick or otherwise not thriving in the shelter environment.
<b>Duties:</b>	Duties are case-dependent and may include but are not limited to providing much needed quiet, isolated space for recovery from sickness or injury; following veterinary recommendations to meet the nutritional and medicinal needs of one or more animals; development of social skills to aid in successful adoption; providing a nurturing and healthful environment for nursing kittens or puppies too young to be adopted and meeting the basic care needs of pets held in isolation prior to adoption partner transports.
<b>Qualifications:</b>	Complete a short questionnaire indicating once or more areas of interest and describe relevant experience in selected area(s). Provide accommodations which are conducive to the selected care interest and pass a brief inspection of facility. Sign a foster care agreement specifying the terms of assistance. Unless otherwise approved in writing in advance, take full responsibility for the transportation and expense of caring for foster pet(s). Must complete the Animal Center Volunteer orientation and any training deemed necessary by the Program Coordinator or Director.
<b>Time Required:</b>	Short term of 30 days and long term up to 6 months in foster care
<b>Supervisor:</b>	Program Coordinator
<b>Physical Demands:</b>	May require moving or assisting non-ambulatory animals; frequent repetitive tasks for care and treatment; possible exposure to zoonotic organisms which may be transmissible to humans and other pets; increased chance of injury to the unpredictable nature of animals, particularly those in discomfort or in various states of arousal.